

## **March Column for Corridor News**

### **Important Road Projects on the Way By Scott Peters, Council President, First District**

Improving traffic flow and relieving road congestion is one way to improve the quality of life in our communities. One of my goals as council president is to refocus the city's energy on neighborhood projects that will make life a little easier for the families in district one.

I know how important it was to Peñasquitos families that we finally opened Route 56 and opened Camino del Sur three years early.

There are more road projects in the works in Rancho Peñasquitos that will allow residents to more easily and quickly navigate the community. Here's an update on their progress:

**Carmel Valley Road connection to Bernardo Center Drive:** The link connecting these two roads is on track to be finished in November of this year. Originally scheduled for a September opening, the project was delayed due to a large amount of rock discovered during construction. This link will provide an alternative access to Interstate 15 and Rancho Bernardo from Black Mountain Ranch and the northeastern side of Peñasquitos.

**Camino del Sur connection to Camino del Norte:** This extension will be complete by the end of next month, but its opening is tied to the completion of the Carmel Valley Road/Bernardo Center Drive link. We're waiting to open these two connections simultaneously so that there is a system of roads, not just another cut-through road with negative impacts for the surrounding community.

Both of these projects will be finished years ahead of their original schedule, thanks to the changes my fellow council members and I made to the Black Mountain Ranch Traffic Transportation Phasing Plan.

**Camino del Sur South connection from Carmel Mountain Road to Dormouse Road:** This four-lane stretch of road will improve access from Rancho Peñasquitos to Torrey Highlands. The \$9.8 million project will begin in the Spring of 2008 and will open a year later.

**Connecting Camino del Sur to Carmel Mountain Road at SR-56:** This connection will be complete prior to construction of the Rhodes Crossing Development in Peñasquitos and Torrey Highlands. The developer is required to complete the connection before beginning work on commercial and residential development, as part of the development agreement approved by the city council. This project will be finished in three to four years.

It is my hope that these projects will significantly improve the quality of life for families in the affected communities.

You may also notice several traffic calming measures in place throughout your neighborhood. The signals at Park Village Drive and Black Mountain Road, and Black Mountain Road and SR-56 have been better coordinated, and several other improvements have been put in place.

Each of us play a part in keeping our roads safe. Please be mindful of the speed limit, and watch for children at play.

My office is committed to ensuring the high quality of life you've come to expect in the first district. Please call on us if we can help with a project or problem in your neighborhood. My Rancho Peñasquitos representative is Woo-Jin Shim. You can contact him at (619) 236-6611. I'd also encourage you to visit our newly redesigned website, full of community updates and information. [www.sandiego.gov/cd1](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd1)